

The National Park Service intends to change Cumberland Island's management plan. The new plan would include more access that prioritizes use of the island by the public over the conservation of natural resources. Public comment on the proposal is open until November 30 at this link: <https://www.nps.gov/cuis/learn/news/visitor-use-management-plan-available-for-public-review-and-comment.htm?fbclid=IwAR0z-axaMB64dXqM8LVAs83kqR9d-9zeZKmVcl5jSlm3qQUoAwOLGDcZmIE>

Feel free to share what I submitted: I am in opposition of the newly proposed Cumberland Island NS Visitor Use Management EA as it prioritizes recreation over the protection of natural resources and risks damaging the delicate ecosystem of the area by increasing visitation. Nearby to Cumberland Island are numerous beaches suited for large numbers of people, Cumberland Island tourism should be kept limited and management of the area should place the interests of the birds, animals, plants and dunes there first.

If you're in an e-mailing mood, send one to your congressman asking for support of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, a bill featuring nearly countless efforts on a massive, nationwide scale to halt catastrophic biodiversity collapse.

LINK: <https://preserve.nature.org/page/86239/action/1>

Speaking of biodiversity collapse, [this graph](#) demonstrates the tragic degree to which the world's biomass of wild animals has shrunk and been replaced by humans and livestock, particularly cattle.

LINK: <https://twitter.com/WilliamJRipple/status/1592638771216146432>

Did you know that livestock farming produces more greenhouse gas emissions than transportation – cars, planes, etc.? There are environmentally sustainable, and in fact regenerative, ways to raise livestock, but doing so is rare in the U.S. and around the world where huge livestock producers raise these animals in barbaric conditions [which devastate the planet](#).

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/nov/09/leaders-cop27-livestock-farming-carbon-budget-governments>

Big loss for conservation in the Everglades last week where the Miami-Dade county commission overrode a mayoral veto to expand the boundary to which development from the county into rural areas is allowed.

Here was the opening to the "Miami Herald's" editorial on the decision... sound familiar?

"There's no true love and appreciation for the environment in the stunningly beautiful county where we live. Only paid-for, political lip-service and the invasive weed of greed thrive in Miami-Dade."

LINK: <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/fabiola-santiago/article268756232.html#storylink=cpy>

Sea turtle gender is determined by the temperature of the sand in which the eggs are laid. Warmer sand, more females. Due to climate change, scientists in Florida have been finding [almost 100% females](#) in many nests across the state.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/11/17/sea-turtles-hatching-on-florida-beaches-are-feeling-the-heat-from-warming-climate/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d071aece-ea15-4472-b3f8-f4f2400f2f76>

Good news is hard to find this week, but Titusville did pass a “Right to Clean Water” amendment during the most recent election allowing the city to sue polluters... [an amendment that will surely be challenged](#) by polluters and most likely overturned as a similar measure in Orange County was.

LINK: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2022/11/08/what-charter-amendments-and-referenda-passed-and-what-didnt-throughout-brevard/8305391001/>

Here’s a great idea I’ll bet many of you have had: using giant parking lots to site solar panels. In France, [that idea has just become law](#).

LINK: https://electrek.co/2022/11/08/france-require-parking-lots-be-covered-in-solar-panels/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email